



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

On Saturday 2nd August your P&C will hold the Lota State School fete. Our small group of P&C volunteers are well down the road with the planning of this event. Over the years we have enjoyed a number of fetes, all a resounding success. We are very lucky at Lota to have a dedicated group of parents who ensure the continued success of whole community activities such as this. The organising committee will be looking for families to help with set up, stalls and events on the day and pack up at the conclusion. It would be lovely if every family could spare 30mins to make our fete the wonderful day it will be.

ATTENDANCE - Every Day Counts

During the long weekend I took the time to reflect on and analyse student attendance rates. What I thought was a quick job of logging onto our One School application and pulling off this data turned into a 5 hour saga - but well worth it. Did you know we have 26 students, as at 7th June, who have a perfect 100% attendance rate. Furthermore, another 81 students have excellent attendance rates ranging from 96% to 99%. This means that students have been absent an average of 0.5 to 3 days this semester. I have decided to mark this achievement with individual letters which will come out to you with your child's report card. The average attendance rates for each year level are:

Prep	94%
Yr1	92%
Yr2	90%
Yr3	93%
Yr4	93%
Yr5	95%
Yr6	95%
Yr7	95%

FOR YOUR DIARY

June 18 th	Walkathon- Rewards Day
June 21 st	Family Portraits
June 25 th	Athletics Day
August 2 nd	Lota Fete

95% is considered the average for Queensland schools according to statewide data collection.

There are unfortunately several students whose attendance rates are concerning. I will also send out letters for these families. It is imperative that students attend school each and every day. I do understand that children get sick and they should not be attending school if they are genuinely unwell. If they suddenly become well after 9am and spend the rest of the day playing then you should contact your child's teacher or myself and we can discuss the issue. I also understand that families need to travel away from home for various reasons. Although this should be kept to a minimum, I do understand the need for family flexibility.

On your child's report you will note a number beside 'explained' and 'unexplained' absences. Explained absences are those which we receive an explanation for either before, on or after the absence. Unexplained absences are those which no explanation is given to the school. Please note that all absences should be explained. You can explain your child's absence by:

- emailing school (rbuch2@eq.edu.au or amcca@eq.edu.au)
- emailing me and I will pass the information on
- emailing your child's teacher
- sending in a written note either before or immediately after the absence

School sanctioned events such as excursions, camps, music camps, sporting events etc are not classified as absences.

I hope to streamline this process and repeat it again towards the end of the year. Thank you to those families whose attendance is wonderful and thank you for making every day count in your child's education.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP - displayed on your child's Report Card

This year we are entering 'Active Citizen - Behaviour' on your child's report card. You will note from reading the Lota State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (RBPS) that we expect all students at Lota to be active citizens. They can achieve this by following our school rules. We also understand that no one behaviour plan fits all students and it is imperative that we allow for learning, especially in our younger years. If a child's behaviour choices do not allow him or her to be an active citizen then parents will be informed.

Active Citizenship is also linked to our Silver and Gold Pins of excellence. Students choosing appropriate behaviour will be recognised using this whole school reward system.

What does it mean if my child has 'Active Citizenship - Behaviour' on their Report Card

This means that your child's behaviour whilst at school is acceptable. They are making appropriate choices with their behaviour; or are trying very hard if they are a younger student. Sometimes, students in the upper years are also role models for those younger than themselves. Students who are active citizens are invited to our Rewards Day scheduled for 18th June.

What does it mean if my child does NOT have 'Active Citizen - Behaviour' on their Report Card

The short answer is - you will know about this and it should not be a surprise to you. Students will either:

- (a) Be placed on our Intervention Level (see RBPS) and therefore have an Individual Behaviour Support Plan.
- (b) Be placed on a student to teacher individual plan. This is where the teacher and student (or teacher and parent) meet to discuss the child's behaviour plan.

Either way, you will be informed.

Please note, students on Individual Behaviour Support Plans will be unable to attend our Rewards Day.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

BEHAVIOUR RULES POSTERS

A couple of weeks ago I made up posters for display in the playground and Mrs Sheil presented these during parade. These posters outline behaviour expectations before school. The expectations include:

Sitting in correct areas and at 8.30am students may go to their classroom, play handball, talk with their friends, play hopscotch.

Today on parade I presented another poster. This poster will also be displayed outside and includes school rules for after school. The rules include:

-at 3.00pm walk downstairs (or if you are Prep walk down with your teacher and wait together for your parents)

-go directly home with your parent.

-walk or ride home (Go straight home; Remember my helmet; Remember the road rules)

-play (You must have a parent with you; Stay with your parent; Obey all school rules)

-train (Be on time; Meet the Teacher Aide; Walk together; Sit at the station until told to get on the train)

Both posters will be displayed within your child's classroom.

WALK-A-THON and REWARDS DAY - 18th June

On this day we will recognise the achievements of our Active Citizens and partner with our P&C to enjoy a fun day with our children. We will commence the day with the walk-a-thon which will conclude at the Lota Foreshore Park. Once at the park we will enjoy our Rewards Day. There will be activities for Prep to Year three students and year four to seven. The whole school comes together for a sausage sizzle lunch. Please see the letter and permission slip for additional information. Students not attending rewards day, because they are on Intervention Level, will be supervised at school. It is really important that we receive all permission slips. If you have not

returned a permission slip then your child is unable to attend the day.

Reminders for the last three weeks of term 2 include:

Tuesday 17th June P&C Meeting
Wednesday 18th June Walk-a-thon and Rewards Day (full day event)
Saturday 21st June P&C Family Portrait fundraiser (please see attached letter) and Illuminations Festival (last chance to secure a lantern)
Monday 23rd June Athletics Carnival Field Events (10yo to 13yo)
Tuesday 24th June 800m races at 2pm (10yo to 13yo)
Wednesday 25th June Athletics Carnival - whole day - Prep to Year 7
Thursday 26th June Whole school parade (no parade on Tuesday 24th)
Friday 27th June Report Cards handed out and last day of term 2

Until next fortnight.

Ms K Schembri

SHAVE FOR A CURE!

In memory of one of the bravest women I know, I have organised a "World's Greatest Shave For A Cure". As part of this Term's Reward's Day, Chaplain Aaron and I will be shaving all the hair from our heads to raise funds and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. Students and families can support this worthy cause by sponsoring us. We are also hoping to talk a few Teachers into "Colouring For A Cure". The more funds we raise the more help and research the Leukaemia Foundation can provide for people fighting these horrible illnesses.

Sponsorships and donations can be handed directly to me

before school and during lunch breaks Tuesday to Thursday. Alternately, families can find team "LotaLarikins" on the Shave For A Cure website and sponsor us there.

Looking forward to seeing how big the hearts of Lota State School!!!-

Miss Tori



LOTA SPORTS DAY

We would like to invite you to our Sports Day.

Date: 25th June 2014.

Time: 9.00 a.m.



Order of Events

9.00 a.m.	March Past
9.15 a.m.	Sprints + Relays
11.00 a.m.	Lunch
11.40 a.m.	Rotation Groups
1.30 p.m.	Afternoon tea
2.00 p.m.	Ball Games
2.45 p.m.	Presentations

Please come along and cheer for our students.

The Field Events will be held on Monday, 23rd June, starting at 9.00 a.m.

The 200m will be held on Monday 23rd June, starting at 2.00p.m. The 800m will be held on Tuesday 24th June, starting at 2.00 p.m. As some of these events will be held at Cox Park, please return the permission form for your child to attend.

There will be a parent 100m race and a parent 'have a go' race. Please come and cheer on our students

Bayside Illuminations Festival



Wednesday is the final day for forms to be returned to the office. Please see form on back page of newsletter. You will still be able to log on to the website which is:

[http:// www.illuminationsfestival.com.au](http://www.illuminationsfestival.com.au)

Tennis News

Well, here we are at the end of this term's tennis. I am very pleased with the progress of our young tennis players. I have enjoyed coaching them immensely. We are looking to instil an attitude of learning, fun, respect and fair play with every session.

We are ready to start the next term on Tuesday 15th July. The tennis term will run 8 weeks at a cost of \$55.00 or \$7.00 a day. If you have any queries, please call Rob on 0422 682 484.

The Parenting Children Course

(for those parenting 0 to 10 year-olds)

5 week Course Starting Wed. 16th July Evening 7.30-9.30pm

Hosted by Wynnum Presbyterian Church

www.wynnumpresbyterian.com

Corner of Bay Ter. & Cedar St., Wynnum

Cost is \$15 per person (course booklet included)

RSVP Fri. 11th July Ph. 3893 1712 or

david.jbj@bigpond.com

www.marriageandparenting.org.au



P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday - Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

All Lota SS students are invited to be involved in this year's Bayside Illuminations Festival, to be held at the Wynnum Wading Pool on Saturday the 21st of June. This is a brand new community event and students who attend will be issued a FREE lantern to float in the Wynnum Wading Pool from 5:00-6:00. Students will meet at the Old Wynnum Central State School (85-145 Florence Rd) between 4:15 and 4:45 to pick up their lanterns and participate in the parade. The Festival will also feature live entertainment, an address from the Lord Mayor, tree illuminations, art projections from school students in the Bayside, dragon boat racing, a fire sculpture and markets and stalls. This a great opportunity for students to get involved in the community, so please return the attendance slip below so we can ensure we are issued with the correct number of lanterns for the event. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.illuminationsfestival.com.au/>

Yes, my child _____ (*full name*) in Year _____
would like to attend the Bayside Illuminations Festival on Saturday the 21st of June and can be in attendance to pick up their lantern from the old Wynnum Central State School (85-145 Florence Rd) at 4:15-4:45pm.